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In re the Application of:

Fumiyasu HIRAI et al.

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For: METHOD FOR REMOVING THE TRANSFORMING GROWTH FACTOR- β BY
ADSORPTION (As Amended)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: January 8, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2003 for one month from December 11, 2003 to January 11, 2004.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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